Lalitpur-Khajuraho railway line

†274. SHRI BALVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways propose to make special provision for completing Lalitpur-Khajuraho railway line; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) The work of new line from Lalitpur to Satna, Rewa-Singrauli and Mahoba-Khajuraho (541 km) is being, progressed as per the availability of resources and sufficient funds are allocated to ensure speedy progress. Mahoba-Khajuraho has already been commissioned. During 2009-10, an outlay of Rs. 58.26 crore has been allocated for this project.

Extension of railway line in J and K

275. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been undertaken to extend railway line in Rajouri-Poonch in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) whether other areas like Doda and Kupwara would also be included in the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir. Survey for Jammu-Poonch new line was conducted in 2008-09.

(b) Surveys had been done earlier for rail connectivity to Doda and Kupwara. However, the proposals have not yet been sanctioned.

Abduction of Bhubneshwar-New Delhi Rajdhani

276. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the number of security personnel, who were on duty in the Delhi bound Bhubaneshwar-New Delhi Rajdhani which was abducted on 28 October, 2009?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): About 3580 trains are escorted daily by Railway Protection Force (RPF)/Government Railway Police (GRP). This particular train was to be escorted by Government Railway Police (GRP) personnel of the concerned State Government. 5 Police personnel of GRP Orissa had escorted the train up to Kharagpur.

Introduction of New Trains

277. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new trains introduced during the period April, 2009 to October, 2009; and

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